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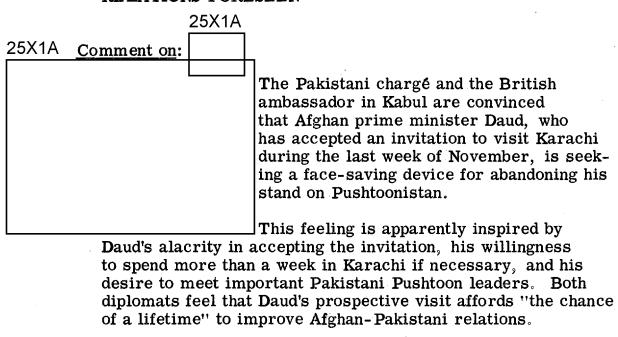
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## 4. BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SEES COMMUNIST INFLUENCE INCREASING IN GOVERNMENT

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	The Bolivian foreign minister told the American ambassador in La Paz on 17 October that he had offered his resignation in protest over the reported in-
	ral Communists in the new Bolivian UN h is headed by Vice President Chavez, a
	ieves that Communist influence is increas-

The foreign minister said that the ministers of national economy and agriculture were resigning with him and hinted other rightist members of the cabinet would follow. He quoted President Siles as having said that he would continue in office only on the basis of support of members of the right and would quit if they did.

The foreign minister expressed confidence that in the event of a showdown between right and left, the rightists would have the support of the populace in La Paz, the carabineros and the army, and could defeat the leftists.

Comment Tensions between the two factions have increased sharply in recent weeks. The seating of a congress after a four-year lapse has provided a public forum for left-wing discussion of administration policy.

An acute food shortage in La Paz and the decline of the boliviano from 8,000 to about 12,000 to the dollar since Siles' inauguration on 6 August are major contributions to general unrest.

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		UN truce officials believe that there is only
		a slim chance that Israel will permit an extension of the 31 Octo- ber deadline for the removal of UN observer posts on the Israeli
		side of the demarcation line at Gaza. The UN observers stated
		that the posts have been useful and their loss would mean one less
	Г	opportunity for exerting an influence for stability along the border.

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